

I. AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

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1. A method for treating intracellular infections with warm-blooded animals,
comprising:

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- (a) administering to a warm-blooded animal a gene delivery vehicle comprising a polynucleotide encoding at least one immunogenic portion of an antigen derived from an intracellular pathogen; and
 - (b) administering to said warm-blooded animal a protein which comprises said immunogenic portion of said antigen, such that an immune response is generated.

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3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said protein is administered prior to administration of said gene delivery vehicle.

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5. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said viral antigen is obtained from a virus selected from the group consisting of hepatitis, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

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11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said gene delivery vehicle is a recombinant retrovirus.

12. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said gene delivery vehicle is selected from the group consisting of alphaviruses, adeno-associated virus and parvovirus.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said gene delivery

vehicle is a nucleic acid expression vector, or a eukaryotic layered vector initiation system.

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14. (Amended) A composition comprising a gene delivery vehicle comprising a polynucleotide encoding at least one immunogenic portion of an antigen derived from an intracellular pathogen, a protein which comprises said immunogenic portion of said antigen, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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17. (Amended) The composition according to claim 16, wherein said viral antigen is obtained from a virus selected from the group consisting of hepatitis, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

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21. (Amended) The composition according to claim 20, wherein said hepatitis C antigen is selected from the group consisting of core antigen C, E1, E2/NS1, NS2, NS3, NS4 and NS5.

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23. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said gene delivery vehicle is a recombinant retrovirus.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the gene delivery vehicle comprises naked DNA.

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sub c⁴ → 25. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the gene delivery vehicle comprises naked DNA.